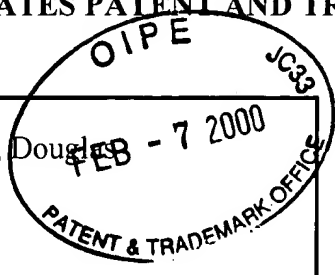


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This is in response to the Office Action (Paper No. 26) mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 29, 1999 for the above-referenced application. A separate petition for a three month extension of time is also being filed concurrently herewith.

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1. Amendment and Response;
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